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WHITE NOW IN CHARGE

OF FEVER EPIDEMIC

Reports of Crisis Will Now
Be Made Under Federal
Authority.

SUCCESS OF FIGHT EXPECTED

United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service in Charge of Situation at New Orleans—Scientific Fight Against Scourge.

New Orleans, Aug. 7.—Two large foci of infection were discovered today outside of the city by officers of the marine hospital service. Dr. Corput went to the Diamond plantation to look into some suspicious cases and found six positive yellow fever cases of secondary infection, three of which were dead. They are on a sugar plantation and three of them were Italians. One was a negro.

The other point of infection is the town of Patterson, in St. Marys parish, where Dr. Guiters found 19 cases of secondary infection. Most of these were also Italians.

The local health boards have taken charge in both instances and are following out the directions of the marine hospital service.

New Orleans, Aug. 7.—The official report of the fever situation to 6 P. M. is as follows: New cases, 32; total to date, 565; deaths, 8; total to date, 113; new subfebrile, 4; total subfebrile, 97.

With the marine hospital service, under the authority of President Roosevelt in complete control, the scientific fight to eradicate yellow fever from New Orleans took on a fresh life today, and with ample funds, the best available talent and an army of willing workers at his back, Dr. White, the surgeon in charge, looks for a successful termination of the struggle.

It was announced that the marine hospital service would take up, so soon as the settlement of details will permit, the receiving and compiling of daily reports. The impression prevailed in some quarters outside of New Orleans that all cases occurring were not made public.

That impression has been entirely unjust, but in order that there may be perfect confidence throughout the country that an accurate statistical statement is being made daily, Dr. White desires, hereafter, that these announcements shall be under Federal authority.

New Orleans, Aug. 7.—Archbishop Chappelle is reported as doing well to-

night. He will pass the crisis tomorrow.

LEAPS FROM BROOKLYN BRIDGE TO HIS DEATH.

Unknown Man Takes Fatal Jump in Sight of Hundreds.

New York, Aug. 7.—In sight of hundreds of elevated and surface car passengers on the Brooklyn bridge a well-dressed man, whose identity is unknown, leaped from a surface car bound for Brooklyn this afternoon and running to the center of the bridge, hesitated a second, and then leaped through the railing to the river below.

The motorman and a number of passengers gave chase, but reached the edge of the bridge only in time to witness the plunge. Policemen in a rowboat searched in vain for the body.

COMPOSER REIFF HURT.

Run Down by Automobile and Fatally Injured—Chauffeur Arrested.

New York, Aug. 7.—Anthony Reiff, a composer, 70 years old, was run down and fatally hurt last night in Harlem by an automobile which careened upon the sidewalk as it turned a corner. The chauffeur was chased some distance by a messenger boy mounted upon a bicycle. He was caught on entering the garage.

Scores of persons who had seen the accident rushed to where the old composer lay unconscious. The automobilist was arrested, but no one appeared to make complaint and he was set at liberty.

TALKS WITH PRESIDENT

Discusses Pending Peace Conference and Chinese Railways.

Financier and Chief Executive Closed for Hour and a Half—Details of Conclusion Reached Not Divulged—Hankow Railway Part of Topic.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 7.—J. Pierpont Morgan of New York had a conference with President Roosevelt lasting an hour and a half. The president himself is authority for the statement that it relates, practically entirely, to the case of the Hankow railway in China, the controlling interest in which is owned by J. P. Morgan & Co.

Incidentally, and as relating in a measure to the railroad interests held by Americans in China, the pending peace negotiations formed the topic of the conversation by the president and Mr. Morgan. No details of the conclusion reached could be learned.

SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS FORMED.

New York, Aug. 7.—The Latin-American Scientific congress was inaugurated Sunday with the attendance of the president, says a Herald special from Rio de Janeiro. Members of the president's cabinet and many prominent Latin-Americans also were present.

TO DISCUSS READJUSTMENT OF RATES WITH SEIPPERS

Seattle, Aug. 7.—John S. McMillan and H. A. Fairchild, state railroad commissioners, and J. W. Lyons, secretary of the commission, left tonight over the Northern Pacific railway on a tour of the eastern part of the state, during which they will confer with the shippers of leading towns of the interior, and at such a conference the desired readjustment of rates will be thoroughly gone into with a view to eliminating any discrimination that may be found to exist.

The first stop will be at North Yakima tomorrow, after which Colfax and Spokane will be visited. The knowledge acquired will be used by the commission setting forth conditions as they exist in the State of Washington for the benefit of delegates to the joint convention of the National Association of Railway Commissioners and the Interstate Commerce Commission of the United States, which will be held at Deadwood, S. D., August 16.

FIRE BEYOND CONTROL

BIG BLAZE AT HOBOKEN

Damage Will Run Into
Thousands, Ferry-Boats
Burning.

IMMIGRANT STATION ON FIRE

Historic Bates House and Hamburg-American Docks Threatened—Lackawanna Ferry-house, Depot and Train Sheds Destroyed—Beyond Control.

LATE ADVICES.

New York, Aug. 7.—Inside of three quarters of an hour late tonight fire swept away the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway company's terminal in Hoboken, seized two ferry-boats and practically ruined them and half threatened the destruction of the entire waterfront in the vicinity, including the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd steamship docks, at which several big ships were lying.

Property damage is estimated between \$400,000 and \$500,000. So far as known no lives were lost. The fire started in an old wooden ferry-boat, from an unknown cause, and spread to the main building of the Lackawanna and then to the Dukets house, a frame structure and ready prey for the flames. By this time the flames were spreading in all directions, utterly beyond control of the few fighters who had responded to the first alarms. At 1 o'clock this morning the fire was under control.

New York, Aug. 7.—The Lackawanna ferry-house, depot and train sheds of the Lackawanna railway and the historic Bates house, in Hoboken, are burned down; the Hamburg-American docks and the new building of the Trust company of New Jersey are likely to burn at any moment. An immigrant station of the Lackawanna, just erected at a cost of \$70,000, is burning.

Two ferry-boats have been hauled out into the stream burning. The fire is beyond all control and aid has been asked for.

WILL BE SHOT.

Russian Chief of Police Adopts Measure to Protect His Life.

Gomel, Russia, Aug. 7.—The chief of police of Gomel has issued a manifesto that as his life has been twice attempted by Jews hereafter, any such men approaching within 50 paces of his carriage will be shot. He has also instructed the Cossacks to fire on houses from which abusive remarks are made.

SENATOR CLARK IS MUCH IMPROVED

New York, Aug. 7.—Senator Clark left his house for the first time today since the operation performed some weeks ago. He went for a 20-minute drive in the park. At the senator's home it was stated that he is rapidly regaining his normal condition.

EXCURSION BOAT SINKS; JEOPARDIZES MANY LIVES.

Hundred and Eighty People on River Steamer When It Topples Over.

Indianapolis, Aug. 7.—The excursion steamboat Sunshine sank this afternoon at Broad Ripple park, ten miles from this city, with 180 passengers on board, all of whom were men, except one. No one was drowned, but several were injured in the panic. The boat plies on the backwater of the Broad Ripple dam on the White river and was carrying a picnic party, consisting of employees of the Indianapolis stockyards.

The overweighting of the boat caused it to turn over on its side and the superstructure was broken from the hull.

The boat was in but 11 feet of water when the accident occurred. The upper deck remained above water. Five persons, more or less, were injured.

GIRL SUICIDES.

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 7.—In a fit of despondency, caused by her mother's refusal to permit her to go to a picnic, Miss Georgia White, aged 17, drowned herself.

FEVER SUSPECTS DETAINED.

New York, Aug. 7.—One passenger and two of the crew of the steamer Comus, which arrived from New Orleans today, were transferred to Hoffman's island for observation, all of them showing a high temperature.

BOYCOTT IS NOT WANTED

Diplomatists at Peking Are Asked To Interfere.

Boycott Is Burdensome to Trade of All Nations at Shanghai—Merchants Ask Respective Diplomatists to Use Influence with Chinese Government.

Shanghai, Aug. 7.—The boycott on American goods is becoming so burdensome to the trade of all nations here that the general chamber of commerce has telegraphed to the dean of the diplomatic body and the China association has wired Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister, asking them to endeavor to persuade the Chinese foreign office to interfere and prevent further injury to trade.

MEXICANS WANT CONGER.

Former Minister to Peking Makes Friends in Mexico.

Mexico City, Aug. 7.—A rumor was afloat on the departure of American Ambassador Conger for the United States that he would not return to his post here, but might remain in Washington, possibly as adviser on the Chinese questions now becoming uppermost, and in which he is recognized as an authority on account of his seven years' service at Peking as American minister. The general wish among Americans here is that Minister Conger will come back, as he has in a very brief time won the good-will of all classes in Mexico.

PRAISES AMERICA.

Former President of Argentina Returns Home from Long Trip.

New York, Aug. 7.—Dr. Carlos Pellegrini, former president, returned Sunday from Europe and the United States, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres. He was escorted home from the dock by a great crowd whom he addressed.

He spoke enthusiastically about the United States, and expressed himself as grateful for the reception he met from President Roosevelt and others.

CONFERENCE IS HELD

RUSSIAN ENVOYS MEET

M. Witte Closed an Hour
at Temporary Em-
bassy.

TRAVELS IN AN AUTOMOBILE

M. Witte Calls at Russian Embassy in Magnolia, Mass., and has Lengthy Conference—Pays Respects to Baroness Rosen and Returns to Boston.

Magnolia, Mass., Aug. 7.—M. Witte, accompanied by Mr. Wilkenin, the Russian financial agent, spent an hour at the Russian embassy temporarily located here.

The Russian envoys arrived from Boston in an automobile about 5 o'clock and after paying respects to Baroness Rosen held a long conference with several members of the embassy. M. Witte returned to Boston this evening.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 7.—Baron Kaneko, the Japanese financial expert, visited Sagamore hill this afternoon for a conference with the president. The precise nature of his mission was not disclosed, neither he nor the president caring to discuss it except in general and negative terms.

Assurance was given by both the president and Baron Kaneko that the visit had nothing to do with the pending peace negotiations or with the raising of money by a loan for either Japan or Russia.

SELLING INDIAN GIRLS FOR IMMORAL PURPOSES.

Canadian Constable Reports Institution of Slave Trade.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 7.—A report has been made to the provincial police by Constable Jones, just returned from an Indian village at Cape Mudge, stating that in that settlement there was open traffic in Indian girls.

Jones found a number of well authenticated cases where half-breed and quarter girls recently had been sold to white men at prices ranging from \$200 to \$100. A complete investigation will be made by the authorities.

STRIKE CONDITIONS IN MONTANA ARE SERIOUS

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 7.—Strike conditions on the Rocky mountain division are serious. Some trains have been moved, but from four to six hours late. Owing to the fact that telegraph wires were broken during the past few days, Missoula has been almost isolated.

Yesterday a meeting was held by the trainmen, at which it was decided to accept no more train orders by telephone owing to the danger which they feel confronting them. Superintendent Gibson states he has not received any such notification and that everything is moving here. Division headquarters claim the strike is broken, but Chairman Kelly, for the operators, denies the truth of this assertion.

WANT ARBITRATION.

St. Paul, Aug. 7.—Persistent rumors were current today that a move had been

PROMINENT RAILWAY MAN SUCCUMBS TO PARALYSIS.

C. H. Prescott, Well Known Capitalist and Railway Man Is Dead.

Portland, Aug. 7.—C. H. Prescott, a capitalist of this city, and at one time prominent in railway circles, died here today as the result of a stroke of paralysis, which occurred six weeks ago.

Mr. Prescott was born in Boston in 1839 and entered the railway business in 1869.

He at one time was the auditor of the Missouri River, Fort Scott & Gulf Railway. Later he was manager of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, and the second vice-president of the Northern Pacific Railway company.

When the later road went into the hands of the receiver, in 1893, Mr. Prescott was appointed receiver of the Western division. Of late years he has been the trustee of Boston (Mass.) capitalists, who have large holdings in real estate in this city.

TRANSFERRING PRISONERS.

Disposition of Convicts on Sakhalin Island Under Way.

Tokyo, Aug. 7.—The disposition of the convicts on Sakhalin island is now under consideration. They will probably be taken to the Russian coast and will be transferred to the Russian authorities.

Under a prearrangement the Russian prisoners of war on the island, 40,000 in all, are being transported to Japan.

COLLINS TO BE SENT HOME

Will Probably Committed For
Extradition Today.

After Lengthy Argument of Motion for Dismissal Canadian Judge Lampey Decides Against Fugitive Attorney, Wanted in Bay City for Perjury.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 7.—George D. Collins will probably be committed for extradition tomorrow. After a lengthy argument of the motion for dismissal before Judge Lampey the judge decided against the fugitive this afternoon and refused his application for a dismissal.

DESTROYER LAUNCHED.

Tokyo, Aug. 7.—Torpedo boat destroyer Yayoi was successfully launched at Yokosuka today. Her dimensions and armament are similar to the class of destroyers now in course of construction at the navy yards of Japan.